(c) if so, by when such a legislation is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Information regarding total quantity of RDX and Bombs seized in the country is not maintained centrally.

(b) and (c) A bill titled Explosives Substances (Amendment) Bill, 1999 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 23.12.1999 to amend the Explosives Substances Act, 1908 to provide for deterrent punishment for committing crimes by using sophisticated variety of explosives like RDX etc. The bill was considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on 8.2.2000. The Committee's recommendations have been considered by the Government and based thereon amendments to the Bill are being moved in the House shortly.

Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Mapping by Pakistan Forces

1866. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, Government are aware that Pak forces are using Chinese origin unmanned aerial vehicles (UAUs) for mapping of infiltration routes and the security set up along the international border in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to thwart the designs of Pak forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Pakistan is known to be in possession of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) of Chinese origin. The UAVs are used for tactical military operational tasks and its linkage to infiltration cannot be ascertained.

(b) Our troops have been asked to be more vigilent and measures have been taken to strengthen the counter infiltration posture.